

brikati; of the eighth and twelfth *G&yafri*; of the second
Brihati; of the third *Anuskubh*; and of the fourth
Purar

1. Who knows the birth of these (MARUTS)? who
Var_{ga}xi
has formerly been (participant) of the
enjoyments of
the MARUTS (by whom) the spotted deer are
har-
nessed (to their chariots)?
2. Who has heard them, when standing in
their
cars, (declare) whither they go? upon what
liberal
worshipper do their kindred rains descend
together
with manifold food?
3. To me have they spoken; they who came to
me
with radiant steeds to (drink) the exhilarating
beve-
rage : to me (they have said), when beholding
them,
who are the formless¹ leaders (of rites), and
friends of
man, repeat our praise.
4. (The praise of them) who are all self-
irradiating,
splendid in ornaments, in arms, in garlands, in
breast-
plates, in bracelets,² in chariots, in bows.
5. I contemplate your chariots, munificent
MARUTS,
with delight, like wandering lights in the rains.
6. Leaders (of the rain), munificent givers,
they
cause that which is the treasury (of water) to
fall
from the sky for (the benefit of) the donor (of
the
offering): they let loose the rain cloud, and the
shed-
ders of rain spread (everywhere) with
(abundant)
water.

7. *Arepasahj rdepa*, may mean intangible.

8. *Khddishu*: in a former passage *khdd't* was interpreted
hasta
trdwka, a guard for the hand or arm, vol. rr. p. 156,
verse 3:
it is here rendered *hastapddasthita hatakah*, rings for the
han(|s
or feet, bracelets or anklets.